

REMARKS

Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application in view of the foregoing amendments and in view of the reasons that follow.

Claims 1, 14, and 20 are currently being amended. No new matter has been added.

This amendment adds, changes and/or deletes claims in this application. A detailed listing of all claims that are, or were, in the application, irrespective of whether the claim(s) remain under examination in the application, is presented, with an appropriate status identifier.

After amending the claims as set forth above, claims 1-26 are now pending in this application.

1. Rejection of Claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-26 Under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as Being Anticipated by Hamaguchi et al.

In Section 3 of the Office Action, Claims 1-4, 6, 7, and 9-26 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Hamaguchi et al. (U.S. Published Patent Appl. No. 2002/0010617). Applicants note that although section 3 of the Office Action states that the claims were “rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b),” Applicants assume that the claims were in fact rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e), as noted in section 2 of the Office Action, and in view of the filing and publication dates of the cited reference.

Claim 1 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “the available resource information being correlated with the wireless station information and the available resource information being distinct from and representative of the resources available through the wireless stations,” which is not identically disclosed by Hamaguchi et al. Hamaguchi et al. discloses a system for registering customers with product or service providers where a retail terminal can transmit advertisements or other information to a customer terminal via a network. Page 2, paragraph 0021. The Office Action asserts that Hamaguchi et al. discloses “available resource information (e.g., business category, message information, icon location, icon information, etc.)” where “the available resource information

is itself the resources available through the wireless stations.” Office Action at pages 3-4. Hamaguchi et al. fails to disclose resource information that is distinct from the resource itself, as required by amended claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of independent claim 1, and corresponding dependent claims 2-4, 6, 7, and 9-13, be withdrawn.

Claim 14 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “storing available resource information distinct from and relating to the resources coupled to and available through the wireless station in the database,” which is not identically disclosed by Hamaguchi et al. The Office Action, referring to Hamaguchi et al., states that “the available resource information is itself the resources.” Office Action at page 6. Hamaguchi et al. fails to disclose available resource information “distinct from” the resources, as required by amended claim 14. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of independent claim 14, and corresponding dependent claims 15-19, be withdrawn.

Claim 20 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “receiving information distinct from and relating to wirelessly accessible resources coupled to a wireless station,” which is not identically disclosed by Hamaguchi et al. The Office Action, referring to Hamaguchi et al., states that “the information is itself the wirelessly accessible resources.” Office Action at page 7. Hamaguchi et al. fails to disclose “receiving information distinct from and relating to wirelessly accessible resources,” as required by amended claim 20. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of independent claim 20, and corresponding dependent claims 21-26, be withdrawn.

2. Rejection of Claims 5 and 8 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as Being Unpatentable Over Hamaguchi et al.

In section 5 of the Office Action, Claims 5 and 8 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hamaguchi et al. Applicants submit that claims 5 and 8 are patentable over Hamaguchi et al. for the reasons that follow.

Claims 5 and 8 depend from independent claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to recite a combination including, among other elements, “the available resource information

being correlated with the wireless station information and the available resource information being distinct from and representative of the resources available through the wireless stations,” which, as discussed above, is not taught or suggested by Hamaguchi et al. The Office Action, referring to Hamaguchi et al., states that “the available resource information is itself the resources available through the wireless stations.” Office Action at pages 3-4. Hamaguchi et al. fails to teach or suggest resource information that is distinct from the resource itself, as required by amended claim 1. The Office Action cites no additional reference that makes up for the deficiencies of Hamaguchi et al. with respect to claim 1. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully request that the rejection of dependent claims 5 and 8, as being dependent upon independent claim 1, be withdrawn.

Applicants believe that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration of the application as amended is respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned by telephone if it is felt that a telephone interview would advance the prosecution of the present application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees which may be required regarding this application under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16-1.17, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. Should no proper payment be enclosed herewith, as by a check being in the wrong amount, unsigned, post-dated, otherwise improper or informal or even entirely missing, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the unpaid amount to Deposit Account No. 06-1447. If any extensions of time are needed for timely acceptance of papers submitted herewith, Applicants hereby petition for such extension under 37 C.F.R. §1.136 and authorize payment of any such extensions fees to Deposit Account No. 06-1447.

Respectfully submitted,

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